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**CHARGES AGAINST SPOTSWOOD.**

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Virginia—

At a General Court held at the capitol Ap<sup>l</sup> ye 18, 1719.

PRESENT:

The Governor,  
Edmund Jennings,  
Robt. Carter,  
John Smith,

John Lewis,  
Will<sup>m</sup> Cock,  
Wm. Bassett,  
Mann Page, Esqr.

The grand jury for the body of this country being returned into Court and Demanded if they had agreed on any bills or presentments, they answer no, they had none to make, but they had drawn up an address to the Governor which they presented into Court, and the same being read and being in the following words, viz:

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Alexander Spotswood, his Majesty's Lieu: Governor and Comander in chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia; The Humble address of the Grand Jury of this Dominion, May it please your Honour:

With deep concern we reflect upon the unhappiness of having a party of men in this Colony so great Enemy's to their Country as to make complaint against so good a Governor. Therefore we think we ought not to let slip this opportunity of approaching his most sacred Majesty and of clearing our consciences in this case by an Address to him, which we begg your Honour to transmitt home to be presented in our and our Country's behalf.

With unanimity we declare our almost dislike of a late Accusation against you, who through the whole course of your Administration have Exercised your authority over us by a conduct equally Just and mild. Particular Instances of which we have happily experienced in your Impartiall Dispensation of Justice so deservedly admired that a former grand Jury could not with patience hear your absence from this our Supreme Court, when you had too much reason not to be present. And those who have observed your penetration into the most difficult points that are argued before you, and your Integrity in giving your Judgment will readily Acquit you both of Misconstruing or perverting our Laws, of which you are wrongfully accused.

Your wisdom and goodness in Improving our Infant Colony are so visible in the Effects, and your merrit in all Respects is so great with regard to the publick good that we are filled with astonishment at the bare offer of a complaint against you. With this knowledge of you we cherrish well grounded hopes that your virtue will not only surmount these party attempts but also in spite of the Ingratitude of some disaffected men amongst us, breed and Nourished in your mind Inclinations to continue to preside in the Government of this Dominion, still to advance its prosperity by the same Auspicious influence, under which it has flourished ever since it has been so fortunate as to be conducted by your honour; which Blessing that his Majesty may long grant us and you with the utmost satisfaction to enjoy are the most Earnest desires and hearty wishes of

Your Hon<sup>or</sup> Most Obedient Humble Servants

Ben Weldon,*	Cole Diggs,* Foreman,
Rich. Neale,	Matt. Ballard,*
Jno Bayler,*	Graves Pack,*
R. C. Walker,*	Henry Baker,
Thom <sup>s</sup> Nelson,*	Robt. Tucker,*
Thom <sup>s</sup> Jones,*	Will. Robinson,*
Phill. Lightfoot,*	Chas. Chiswell,*
Thomas Lee,*	Ben. Robinson,*
Jos. Smith,	John Waller,*
Arthur Buckerdikey,*	Geo. Mason,*

J. Walker.

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\* For notes, see end of article.

The Governor pleased to return them his answer in these or the like words:

“Gentlemen: I cannot but receive with comfort this publick Acknowledgement of your Satisfaction under my Government, and kindly thank you for the Honour you do me in expressing such a sence of my administration, and it must Engage a Governor’s affections to this Country to see so many considerable Gentlemen thereof ready to Justify his conduct.”

Then they presented their address to the King, which was also read, and the same being in these words, viz:

To the King’s most Excellent Majesty. The Humble address of the Grand Jury of Your Majesty’s Ancient Colony of Virginia; Most Gracious Sovereign; Your Majesty’s most loyall and dutifull subjects, the Grand Jury of this your Colony, tho remote from your Royall presence, with all submission lay hold of the opportunity to acknowledge with the profoundest gratitude, the many blessings we enjoy under your Auspicious reign. We observe with pleasure, your sacred Majesty alwayes intent on promoting the happiness of your people and no less carefull to preserve the liberty of Europe and restore peace amongst contending Nations, a prospect so agreeable to all who have a true sence of Loyalty, and a regard to the Honour of the British Nation, that we cannot but with the greatest abhorrence condemn the principles and practice of all such as endeavour to interrupt the Publick Tranquility by propagating Discontent among your people, or to divert your Majesty from these weighty affairs you are happily employed in, by their groundless clamours and complaint.

It is therefore with the greatest concern that we have lately seen an Address framed by a party here in an Irregular and unjustifiable manner and transmitted to your Majesty in the Name of your subjects of this Colony (without their knowledge and contrary to their Inclinations) Accusing your Majesty’s Lieut. Governor here as an Oppressor of your Subjects and a Subvertor of the Laws and Constitution of this Government, a charge so entirely Groundless that we should be wanting in our duty if we did not with the greatest humility beseech your majesty to give no credit to so Unjust an accusation.

We are bound in gratitude to Acknowledge that it is oweing

to the Wisdom and Conduct of your Majesty's Lieu: Governor that this Country is happely arriv'd at its present flourishing Condition. The publick Credit retrieved, the peace of our Frontiers secured, our Trade increas'd, and lately rendred more Safe by the Destruction of the most Barbarous Crew of Pyrats that have infested our coast, and that at a time when the Disturbers of our peece Were Contriving a Complaint against him. But if by his Endeavours to maintain the prerogative and Augment the Revenue of your Majesty's Crown he has disoblighd some who want a greater power and Lycence than are Consistent with your Majesty's Service or the happiness of your subjects, either of this or our Mother Country, We hope your Majesty will have the Goodness to believe that they have few adherents in this your Dominion, and as we of this grand jury are bound by our Oaths to enquire into and present all Trangressions of the Establish'd laws, we humbly begg leave to assure your majesty that we find no oppression exercised on your subjects here, and that we shall always esteem it as one of the greatest Blessings of your Reign if your Majesty shall be graciously pleased to continue to us so good, so just & so wise a Governor. That your Majesty's Reign may be long and prosperous, that the Almighty may give you the hearts of all your subjects, and render ineffectual all the attempts of Faction and Seditious Spirits and perpetuate the success of your Throne in the same Royall line to the latest Ages are the prayers of

May it please your Majesty, Your Majesty's

most Loyall and dutifull and obedient subjects,

John Walker,	Cole Diggs, Foreman,
Tho. Jones,	Ben. Weldon,
R. C. Walker,	John Waller,
Robert Tucker,	John Baylor,
Henry Baker,	Will. Robinson,
Rich. Neale,	Ben. Robinson,
Phill. Lightfoot,	Thos. Lee,
Matt. Ballard,	Geo. Mason,
Graves Pack,	Jos. Smith,
Arthur Buckerdike,	Thom Nelson,
	Char. Chissell.

The Governor was further pleased to return them his answer in these or the like words. "Gentlemen, you may be assured I shall not fail to transmitt with a particular care and pleasure An address which is so greatly on my behalf, and I do not doubt but his Majesty will be very well pleased to understand that he has not set an oppressor over his People here, nor Continued such a person in his Royall favour for so many years past."

Whereupon the Grand Jury at their motion (having nothing else before them) were discharg'd.

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*Observations on the Grand Jury's addresses Ap'll 18, 1719.*

It is to be observed that all these twenty one Grand Jury men are taken out of Twelve Countys and Nine of them out of York County, whereas there were very fitt men of other Countys in Town.

There were Severall Gentlemen in Town as fitt as any of these and were in presence with the Sheriff when he was Summoning the Jury and were not taken, others were Summoned and attended but were not returned in the pannil, either because they were known to be no addressors or suspected to boggle. On the other hand, some who came into Town late the Night before and that morning who were known to be sure hands were put pretty forward in the pannil particularly Tho. Lee & Phill Light-foot.

All these Jurors are such as had been notably busy in getting addresses signed in the Countys or at least had sign'd and were all Dependants in offices or Expectation or concern'd with him in Trade or Such particular favorites as are known to have run very nearly into all his Notions. These things make most people think the packt by &c. order.

The Jury accuses the Burgesses of addresssing irregularly & yet we have sufficient reason to believe these very addresses were prepared for them or the roughs of them at least as well as that of 8<sup>br</sup> 1716, and indeed whoever reads the Gov<sup>r</sup> Speeches &c. to the Burgesses may easily read the author of these addresses or the greatest part of them both in the style & words.

As to the particular reflection on the Gen'l Court of a former

Grand Jury's not being able to bear the Governor's absence there from, we shall only observe that four of this Jury, viz: Tho. Jones, Cha. Chiswell, Wil Robinson and Tho. Nelson, were the chief-promoters of that Address, which they carried by violence, they would have done well to have informed us of some of those weighty reasons, the Gov' had for his absence, for we never could hear one good one yet.

We think there needs no other observation or proof of their veracity from hence, if the whole be but judg'd of by severall parts of it which we shall take Notice of, these two, viz:

We have lately seen an address framed by a party here, in an irregular and unjustifiable manner, and transmitted to your Majesty in the name of your subjects of this Colony (without their consent and contrary to their Inclinations) accusing your Majesty's Lieu. Gov' as an oppressor of your subjects and subverter of the Laws & Constitutions of this Government a charge so entirely groundless &c.

Now what is done by their Representatives cannot be said to be without the peoples consent and knowledge, especially if we consider the Grievances that were sent, and those that were defeated by the Justices, but the Assembly before, and that the people have never yet complained of the Address, unless the signing addresses by some inconsiderate men who knew not what they contain'd, but were told they were only Compliments to the Gov' can be called a complaint, and we believe there are but few that have signed the addresses besides officers, after all the Indefatigable Artifices and violences that have been used to insnare men.

Wherefore it must be more Naturall to believe that the Burgesses who are chosen by the people in every County must know the people's Inclinations better than a Grand Jury chosen by the Gov' (or his officer) in Twelve Countys and half of them in two Countys. And if the Circumstances and characters of the Burgesses abstracted from the Dignity of their Charracter as Representatives, be compared with those of the Grand Jury the Burgesses must certainly be Esteemed the most unbyased and most Credible persons, and This appears in the faces of their addresses, for daily experience shews us it is possible a Gov' may be Guilty of what the Burgesses accuse him of, but it is impos-

sible that the Jurors say in his favour can be true unless he be more than man, Besides it is certain the Burgesses do act in this office under an oath. Where as it is notoriously known that it has been argued in Grand Jurys here and is a generally received opinion (Notwithstanding the sly insinuation in this address) that Grand Jurys are not upon oath in Addresses but only in presentments, and it is well known who Inculcated this opinion:

Again, "We are bound in gratitude to acknowledge that is owing to the Wisdom & Conduct of your Majesty's Lieu. Gov' that this Country is happily arriv'd at its present flourishing condition. The publick Credit retriev'd, the peace of our frontiers Secured, our Trade Increased and lately made more safe by \* \* Destruction" &c.

Now we suppose the merchants can give the best acco<sup>t</sup> of the flourishing of trade (i. e.). The price of Tobacco we know of. Nothing done here to occasion it unless they mean the Tobacco Law, and it is certain that the price of Tob<sup>o</sup> has been greater since the Destruction of that Law, than when it was in force. Tho perhaps the agent Jurors do not get so much. What is meant by retrieving the Publick Credit is only known to the person who drew this address, for surely they will not say the credit of the Revenue of 2s. hogshead was ever yet doubled, tho by short crops and extraordinary charges that revenue has sometimes been a little behinde; but the King's bounty out of the Q. Rents and the sinking the 150<sup>l</sup> a year house rent and better crops retrieved that, but they would Rob both G<sup>o</sup>d and the King to give their Idol the honour of it. Neither has the Gov' contributed much to the Importation of Liquors and Slaves, which has raised the Country's bank of money, which he uses so freely, nor is it easy to Guess what he has done to make the Credit of the Assembly better than it was, for it was but last Somer he pretended to the Council that he could not get a Messenger to go to the Usheree Indians to desire them to fetch their children from Christianna upon the Credit of the Assembly. What has been done for securing the Frontiers of late is the next Question. And if they are so well secured why have the Burgesses and Council too been so often upbraided with neglecting the Security of them, and why were the Burgesses to be kept in readiness to bind up the wounds since they would not

ward off the Blow it seems now by this address that this wise, good man has deluded us all this while with false alarms. Which way the Gov<sup>r</sup> has increased our Trade is the next Question, and can hardly be true unless these Gentlemen of the Jury who are of the Indian Company meant only the Trade of that Company.

As to the wise measures concerted for the Destruction of Tatch without doubt you have had a full acc<sup>t</sup> of it already and of the Just Proceedings thereupon since at least Mr. Maynard Lieut. to Capt. Gordon who was sent upon that expedition can give a good acc<sup>t</sup> of that whole matter if some means be not found to stop his mouth before he go hence or he be not contrived out of the way.

Those gentlemen of the Grand Jury find no oppression by which must be understood none upon themselves for they never enquired of nobody else, and no doubt most people think most of them rather the Oppressors or at least the Instruments of oppression than the oppressed and therefore no wonder they are desirous of his Continuance that they may Trample upon every body and be protected in their unwarrantable proceedings.

Query. Is it not a subversion of our Constitution for a Grand Jury to reflect upon and abuse the Gen<sup>l</sup> Court to their faces whilst they are sitting and to Impeach the House of Burgesses in so gross a manner and what would be done to a Grand Jury that should do such a thing to the House of Commons in England or even in Ireland.

Query. Which are most Justly entituled to the Epithet of factions and Seditions those that modestly represent their Grievances to the King in discharge of their duty and Suffer themselves and their friends Quietly to be affronted and abused for it.

Or those that without any provocation but for filthly lucre and favour run about the Country Stirring up strife and Engaging men by all wayes to sign addresses full of false accusations and exciting in all Ranks of people an ill opinion of the greatest part of the Council and Burgesses as well as others who oppose the Gov<sup>r</sup> and their arbitrary doings.

#### NOTES.

Colonel Thomas Jones, son of Roger Jones, married Elizabeth (born August 29, 1701), widow of William Pratt, and daughter of Dr. Wil-

liam Cocke, Secretary of State of Virginia, and had issue: I. Thomas Jones, Jr., born December 25, 1726; II. Dorothea, born February 2, 1728; III. Catesby, born March 6, 1730, *d. s. p.*, December, 1747; IV. Frederick, born July 7, 1732; V. Jekyll, born April 25, 1737, died in infancy; VI. Lucy, born August 25, 1738; VII. Anne, born February 13, 1739; VIII. Walter, born December 18, 1745; IX. Elizabeth, born January 26, 1748.

For a full account of this family, see a volume entitled, "Descendants of Roger Jones."

Arthur Buckardike.—On May 6, 1720, the bond of Richard Ambler, as executor of Arthur Buckardike, was filed in York County Court. John Ambler, of York, England, ancestor of the Virginia family of the name, married, in or before 1690, in England, Elizabeth Buckadike. Arthur Buckadike, or Bickadike, is stated to have been a brother of Mrs. Ambler.

Graves Packe, was a justice of York from 1719, and high sheriff in 1726 and 1727. From the *William and Mary Quarterly*, Vol. II (quoting the *Maryland Gazette*), it appears that in May, 1765, a schooner going from York river up the bay, was lost, and that among the passengers who perished was, "Mr. Graves, son of Mrs. Sarah Packe of Williamsburg, a very hopeful youth, of about 18 years of age." Mary, daughter of Stephens Thompson, Attorney-General of Virginia, and sister of Mrs. Ann (Thompson) Mason, married first, Robert Booth, and secondly, Captain Graves Packe. She had one child by her second husband, who died in infancy. Captain Packe married secondly, Sarah —. Under date, Feb. 16, 1740, is referred to a legacy to Edward Randolph, of London, merchant ("now residing in Virginia"), under the will of Graves Pack, late of London, mariner, for £25 Virginia money. Doubtless Captain Packe, like many masters of ships, had an estate in Virginia, and occasionally lived here.

Major Samuel Weldon lived in James City county about 1692, and was a justice for that county. Mr. Peter Efford, of York county, who died in 1666, left an only child, Sarah, whom he left to the care of Rev. John Welden, minister of St. Mary's, Newington, England, and Albertus Skinner, gent. She married Major Samuel Weldon, of James City county, Va., probably a son of the minister.

John Walker.—Capt. Richard Croshaw, of York co., who died in 1669, had a daughter, Rachel, who married John Walker, of King & Queen co. In 1729 Elizabeth, widow of Richard Croshaw Walker, was wife of Christopher Beverley. John Walker was sheriff of King & Queen in 1705. In 1707 John Walker was colonel; Thomas Walker, captain; Richard Croshaw Walker, lieutenant, and James Walker, cornet, in the King & Queen militia. In a Bible, printed in 1589, and to which the New Testament was attached in 1602, now in the possession of the Walker family in King &

Queen, contains many entries in regard to the family. I have not a complete copy. The following have been furnished: "September ye 24, 1709. I went to St. Clemones church [signed] Thomas Walker. [This has been taken to indicate the date of his marriage with his wife, Susanna]. "My dafter, Mary Peachy Walker, was born ye first one of ye thirtieth day of Janevary, 1710, baptised the day follow'g ye 31st." "John Walker born ye 29th of April, at five, 1711." "Thos. Walker borne Jan'y ye 25, 1715." "Mary Peachy Walker married, May ye 13, in the year of the Lord 1732." John Walker married, Nov., 1735, Miss Baylor, of Essex county, and had three children (1) Baylor, a son; (2) Susannah; (3) Elizabeth. "Married, Nov. 9, 1735, Susannah Walker, and old Capt. Wm. Fleet, widower." Baylor Walker born Jan. 28, 1737. Elizabeth Walker born May 9, 1740. May 25, 1759 I [Baylor Walker?], was married. John Walker born April 16, 1760. Thos. Elliott, John Hill, Richard Tunstall, godfathers; Patty Gaines, Mary Temple, Elizabeth Walker, godmothers. John Walker died Dec. \* \* \* Humphrey Walker born Jan. 13, 1762, Wm. Humphrey Hill, John Temple, godfathers; Mary Temple, Hester Cowan, godmothers. Humphrey Walker died Dec. 28, 1820, in Richmond. Thos. Walker born Dec. 5, 1763, Wm. Fleet, Robt. Hill, godfathers; Frances Baylor, Ann Hill, godmothers. Robert Walker born Dec. 5, 1765, John Temple, Edward Hill, godfathers; Susannah Fleet, Sarah Smith [?], godmothers. Susannah Walker born Nov. 28, 1767, John Madison, Henry Hill, godfathers; Mary Hill, Hannah Hill, godmothers. Baylor Walker died April 7, 1773, aged 36. Humphrey Walker died Dec. 26, 1820, in Richmond, when a member of the Assembly, aged 58. [Humphrey Walker was member of the House of Delegates from King & Queen 1815-20.] Frances Walker died Feb. 9, 1824. Humphrey Walker died 25 Dec., 1820, aged 58 years, 11 months and 13 days. Temple, son of H. and F. Walker, born Dec. 23, 1786. John Walker, born Aug. 15, 1785. Mary, born Dec. 23, 1786. Susannah, born Jan. 13, 1788. Baylor, born Aug. 15, 1789. Frances, born March 2, 1772. George, born Oct. 25, 1793, died July 27, 1798. Robert, born Feb. 17, 1795. Volney, born March 17, 1797. Bernard Humphrey, son of Temple and Elizabeth Walker, born Aug. 7, 1826. Dorothea Fleet, daughter of Richard and Dorothy A. Bagby, born Aug. 7, 1832. Bernard H. Walker and Dorothea F. Bagby married by Elder R. H. Bagby at Society Hill, King & Queen, Nov. 12, 1851. John T., son of Temple and Mary Walker, born May 15, 1815. Elizabeth Walker, wife of John T. Walker, born March 31, 1829. John T. and Elizabeth Walker married Jan. 15, 1837. James H. Walker married Cornelia Hampton Jan. 9, 1840. Wm. H. Walker and Frances A. Griffin married July 5, 1850.

It is probable that Thomas, Richard Croshaw and James Walker were sons of Col. John Walker, of 1707. Col. John Walker, of King and Queen, was not the same as Col. John Walker, of Gloucester and Rap-

pahannock counties, who was a member of the Council. For an account of Dr. Thomas Walker, born Jan. 25, 1715, and his descendants, see Page's "Page Family."

Philip Lightfoot.—For a genealogy of the Lightfoot family, see *William and Mary Quarterly*, Vols. I and II. Philip Lightfoot was afterwards member of the Council.

Thomas Lee.—Afterwards President of the Council and Acting Governor. See Lee's "Lee Family."

Cole Digges was a member of the Council. For genealogy of the Digges family see *William & Mary Quarterly*.

Charles Chiswell was clerk of the General Court in 1706. He lived in Hanover and died April, 1737, aged 60, leaving his son John his executor. The son, Colonel John Chiswell, was for a number of years one of the most prominent men of the colony. He was a member of the House of Burgesses from Hanover county in 1744, 1748, 1752, 1753, 1754, 1755, 1756, 1757, 1758 and probably in other years, and was actively engaged in lead and iron mining. He married Elizabeth (who died February, 1776, aged 54), daughter of Colonel William Randolph, Jr., of "Turkey Island," and had issue: I. Susanna, married, first, John Robinson, Speaker of the House of Burgesses, and, second, William Griffin; II. Mary, married, 1766, Warner Lewis, of "Warner Hall;" III. Elizabeth, married Charles Carter, of "Ludlow," Stafford county; IV. Lucy, married Colonel William Nelson, of "The Dorrill." She was born August 3, 1752, and died April 14, 1810. Colonel Chiswell killed in 1766 in an affray in a tavern a Scotch gentleman, Robert Routledge, and was committed to prison to wait trial, but committed suicide.

George Mason.—See Miss Rowland's "Life of George Mason," and Hayden's "Virginia Genealogies" for accounts of the Mason family.

John Waller, of King William county, was sheriff of King and Queen 1702, and Burgess for King William in 1710. He afterwards settled at "Newport," Spotsylvania county, and was clerk of that county 1722-1742. He died in 1754. In his will, recorded in Spotsylvania, he names various children and grandchildren, and devises between four and five thousand acres of land. The inventory of the personal estate of John Waller, gent., dated October 1, 1754, and recorded in Spotsylvania, amounts in all to £1,380. 14. 11. It includes 7 gilt framed pictures valued at 17 shillings 6d each, a hautboy valued at 10 shillings, a flute 5 shillings, a fiddle and case 25 shillings, and 137 titles of books. For genealogies of the Waller family, see Hayden's "Virginia Genealogies," *Richmond Critic* and *Richmond Standard*.

Wm. Robinson probably was the person of the name who was sheriff of Richmond county in 1708, and county lieutenant in 1715.

Benjamin Robinson, son of Christopher Robinson, of "Hewick,"

Middlesex, the immigrant, and brother of President John Robinson, of the Council, was sheriff of Essex, 1724 and 1725, and first clerk of Caroline county. He married Mary King.

Matthew Ballard.—Col. Thomas Ballard, born 1630, buried March 24, 1689, was clerk of York county in 1652, and for many years after; Burgess for James City in 1666; member of the Council, 1675-77, and Speaker of the House of Burgesses, 1680. He married Anne —, and had issue: I. John, eldest son, who probably died without issue before 1694; II. Col. Thomas, was a Burgess, justice, colonel of militia in York, and sheriff in 1694; will proved 1711. Married Katherine, daughter of John Hubbard; III. Lydia; IV. Elizabeth; V. Margaret; VI. Frances. Thomas and Katherine (Hubard) Ballard had issue: I. Anne, married John Major; II. Matthew (of the text), whose inventory, dated in 1720, included an armorial seal and plate, with his arms on it. His widow, Jane, married in 1736, Matthew Hubbard, clerk of York county; III. Elizabeth; IV. Katherine; V. Thomas; VI. Robert; VII. Captain John, of Yorktown (will proved 1745), married —; VIII. William; IX. Mary. Captain John Ballard (who died 1745) had children: I. Thomas; II. John; III. Robert, clerk of Princess Anne county, married Anne, daughter of Nathaniel Newton; IV. William; V. Catherine; VI. Elizabeth; VII. Anne. The family was numerous later in York and Charles City.

Robert Tucker was a justice of Norfolk county from April, 1711, and died in 1723. The will of Robert Tucker, of Norfolk county, merchant, was dated November 9, 1722, and proved December 21, 1722. Legatees: sons Robert and John; daughters Courtney and Sarah; directs £400 sterling be put at interest for the support of his sister, Mrs. Sarah Cooke; brother John Tucker, George Walker, and Thos. Wythe, executors. In March, 1723, was recorded the inventory of the personal estate of "Mr. Robert Tucker, came to our hands." It included (among other things), in "the hall:" 57 pieces of plate, weighing 23 lbs. and 12 pennyweights; 3 large looking-glasses, 4 large maps, 29 pictures; in "the entry," 39 pictures; in "the passage chamber upstairs entry," 7 pictures; in "the chamber off the hall," 9 pictures; other rooms mentioned are the chamber over the parlor and the chamber over the kitchen. There are also several sloops and flats. West India merchandize, in the stores, came in the brigantine Providence, £450. 9. 9. Cash: Virginia currency in the hands of Mrs. Frances Tucker, George Walker, and others, they have intrusted in this country £4,917. 6. "Sundry Uropean goods now on sayle," £1,368. 17. 2. Cash sterling in the hands of Capt. John Hyde & Co., if all bills are good and paid, £1,756. 14. 6. Sundry goods in the hands of Mr. Robt. Hall, Thos. Summerell, and David Macklanehan: Bee Wax, 1,730 lbs.; Mirtle wax, 258; feathers, 228 lbs.; cottonwood, 32 lbs.; 10 new anchors, sundry parcels of salt at sundry stores, 19 negroes, sundry debts out-

standing, &c., &c. Also 34 divinity books, at £2. 10; 16 History, at £1. 5; 13 Cow, at £3; a parcell of navigation books & 2 of history, at £1.

On May 20, 1736, there is a deed from Thomas Nelson, of Yorktown, merchant, and Frances, his wife, relict of Robert Tucker, of Norfolk, merchant, to John Tucker, son of said Robert and Frances.

The will of John Tucker, of Norfolk Borough, was dated September 11, and proved December 16, 1702. Legatees: son Henry; daughter Jane Tucker, daughter Rebecca Tucker; youngest children, Rebecca Elizabeth, Travis, Jane, and John; daughter Frances Calvert and wife Rebecca. Edward C. Travis an executor. On June 3d Rebecca Elizabeth Tucker, widow of John Tucker, of Norfolk, merchant, refused to accept her bequest under the will. [This John Tucker was not the son of the first named Richard, nor his brother.]

Robert Tucker, the younger, was one of the first Aldermen of Norfolk Borough in 1736, and was a member of the House of Burgesses in 1752 and 1753. The *Virginia Gazette* announces the death on July 1, 1767, of "Colonel Robert Tucker, of Norfolk, many years a very extensive merchant there." He married Joanna, daughter of Gawin Corbin, of "Laneville," King and Queen county. His will was dated January 12, 1765, and proved September 17, 1767; legatees: son Robert, son Gawin Corbin Tucker ("the lot where I live, purchased by my uncle John Tucker, and fell to me as his heir of law"); daughters Sarah, Martha, Courtney and Frances, wife Joanna, unborn child; daughter Ann. Wife, Hon. Richard Corbin, and brother John Tucker, executors.

The will of Robert Tucker (3d) dated September 19, 1779, proved March, 1780, legatees: brother Corbin, three unmarried sisters, Molly, Nancy and Carolina Henrietta. His uncle, John Tucker, had a claim of £50 per annum for life, on certain lands. Mother still alive. Legacies to sisters, Joanna Corbin, Patsy Newton, and Courtney Bowdoin. Brothers-in-law Thomas Newton and Preeson Bowdoin, and friend General Thomas Nelson, executors. Codicil: bequests to Mother Jonanna Tucker, sisters Patsey and Courtney, sisters Sarah Taylor and Frances Harvey, nephew Thomas, son of Thomas Newton, nephew David Kerr, nephews Richard and Tayloe Corbin, neices Nancy, Felicia and Jane Corbin, neices Amy and Sarah Newton; Elizabeth, daughter of John Hutchings, niece Sarah, daughter of John Taylor.

Joanna, daughter of Robert Tucker (2d) married Gawin Corbin, of "Buckingham House," Middlesex, a member of the Colonial Council. In 1771, Fanny, daughter of "the late Col. Robt. Tucker," of Norfolk, married David Kerr, attorney at law, of King and Queen county (*Gazette*).

The following are from the Tucker family Bible:

Robert Tucker married Joanna Corbin, Daughter of Gawin and Martha Corbin, in King and Queen County on Thursday the 17th Day of

May 1739 by the Reverend Mr. William Philips who preached a Sermon on the Occasion, the words of his Text were "Marriage is honourable."

Frances Daughter of Robert and Joanna Tucker was born April 6th 1740—being Easter Sunday baptised the 17th May, and departed this life the 21st of the same month. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away—blessed be the name of the Lord.

Robert Son of Robert and Joanna Tucker was born September 24th 1741 and baptised seven days after by the Rev'd Mr. Moses Robinson. The Godfathers were Robert Dinwiddie Esq. & Mr. Edward Hack Mosely & the Godmothers Mrs. ——— & Susan Thruston.

Martha Daughter of Robert & Joanna Tucker was born February 9th 1742-3 between 7 & 8 o'clock of the morning and baptised the 8th day after by the Rev'd Mr. Charles Smith. The Godmothers and Godfathers were Mrs. Frances Phrepp & Margaret Walker—Mr. Edward Hack Moseley and Mr. Samuel Boush junior.

Joanna Daughter of Robert & Joanna Tucker was born April 12th 1744 about 8 o'clock of the morning and baptised the 16th of said month by the Rev'd Mr. Charles Smith. The Godfathers were Capt. Wm. Gordon of his Majesty's sloop Hound (by Proxy) & Mr. Jno. Tucker. The Godmothers Mrs. Frances Nelson & Mary Mosely.

John Son of Robert & Joanna Tucker was born the 29th day of December 1745 about 4 o'clock in the morning and the ——— day of January by the Rev'd Mr. Charles Smith. The Godfathers were Mr. John Tucker & Capt. Policarpus Taylor. The Godmother Mrs. Mary Moseley—and died the 1st day of July 1746.

Sarah Daughter of Robert & Joanna Tucker was born the 13th day of October 1747 about 5 o'clock in the morning and baptised the day after by the Rev'd Mr. Charles Smith. The Godfather was Mr. Edward Hack Moseley and the Godmothers Mrs. Frances Nelson & Christian Loyde.

Mary Daughter of Robert & Joanna Tucker was born the 2nd day of January 1748-9 about 11 o'clock in the forenoon and baptised the 30th day of February by the Rev'd Mr. Charles Smith. The Godfather Mr. Mosely & the Godmother Mrs. Moseley.

Martha Daughter of Robert & Joanna Tucker was born the 11th day of January 1750-51 about 6 o'clock in the morning and baptised the same day month by the Rev'd Mr. Charles Smith. The Godfather was Mr. Edward Hack Moseley & the Godmothers were Mrs. Moseley & Mrs. Perkins.

Frances Daughter of Robert & Joanna Tucker was born the 21st day of March 1751-2 about 10 o'clock at night and was baptised the 30th of same month by the Rev'd Mr. Charles Smith. The Godfathers were Mr. Edward Hack Moseley & Christopher Perkins & the Godmothers were Mrs. Moseley and Mrs. Perkins.

Elizabeth Daughter of Robert & Joanna Tucker was born the 4th day

of May 1753 about 10 o'clock in the afternoon & baptised the 11th of the same month by the Rev'd Mr. Charles Smith. The Godfathers were Mr. Edward Hack Moseley and Francis Farley Esq. and the Godmothers Mrs. Moseley and Mrs. Hansford. The said Elizabeth departed this life the 4th of July 1754.

Gawin Corbin Son of Robert & Joanna Tucker was born the 31st day of January about 3 o'clock in the morning 1755 and baptised the 20th day of February by the Rev'd Charles Smith. The Godfathers were Mr. John Norton & Col. Gawin Corbin & the Godmothers Mrs. Nelson & Miss Sarah Smith.

Courtney Daughter of Robert & Joanna Tucker was born 30th of April 1756 about 9 o'clock at night & baptised by Rev'd Charles Smith. The Godfathers were Capt. Mariot Arbuthnot & Mr. Charles —— illegible.

Ann Daughter of Robert & Joanna Tucker was born the 27th of August 1757 about 10 o'clock in the forenoon & baptised by the Rev. Charles Smith. Her Godfather was Doctor Archibald Campbell & Godmother Mrs. Mary Streepe & Joanna Tucker, Jr.

John son of Robert & Joanna Tucker was born the 16th day of January 1759 about 8 o'clock in the morning & baptised by Rev'd Charles Smith Feb. 11th. The Godfathers were Mr. Godfrey Malbone and John Tucker & the Godmothers were Mrs. Malbone & Mrs. Frances Nelson.

Alice Daughter of Robert & Joanna Tucker was born May 15th 1760 and died July 21st 1761.

John Pulman son of Robert & Joanna Tucker was born the 18th day of January 1762 about 5 o'clock in the morning & baptised the —— 1762. The Godfathers —— He died July 22nd 1762.

Richard son of Robert & Joanna Tucker was born the 20th day of July 1763 and baptised by the Rev'd Thomas Davis. The Godfathers Dr. Jno: Ramsey & Robert Tucker junior and the Godmother Sarah Tucker. He died a few days after his birth.

Carolina Henrietta Daughter of Robert & Joanna Tucker was born 16th day of March 1765 about 4 o'clock in the afternoon & baptised the 1st of June by the Rev'd Mr. James Pasteur. The Godfathers were Thomas Newton & Robert Tucker juniors and the Godmothers were Mrs. Carolina Henrietta Bedford of Barbadoes (by Proxy) and Mrs. Sarah Mutter.

John Baylor, born in 1650 at Tiverton, Devonshire, England, came to Gloucester county, Virginia, in the latter part of the seventeenth century, and acquired a large estate by extensive trade as a merchant. He was Burgess for Gloucester, 1692, and for King and Queen in 1718. He married Lucy Todd O'Brien, of New Kent, in 1698, and at his death left a very considerable property, the personal estate being appraised at £6,500. (*Meade.*)